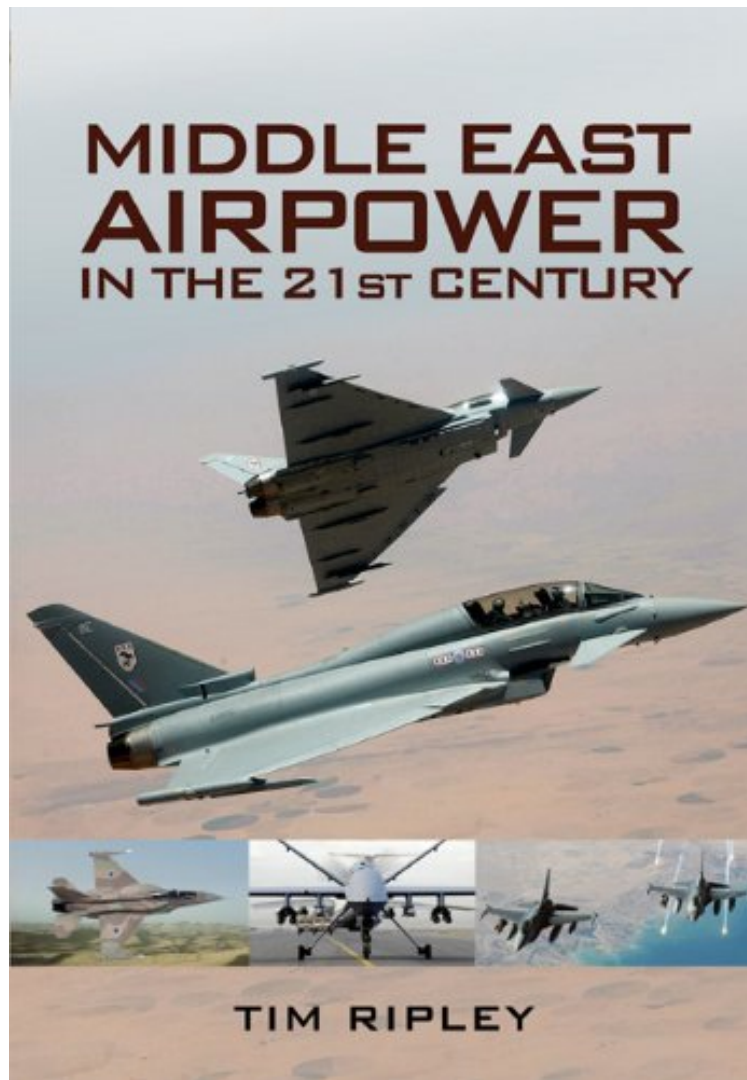


## Middle East Air Forces in the 21st Century

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A very useful compendium of information about airpower in the region. The individual chapters about each air arm go into considerable detail about unit structure strength, training regimens and operational command procedures. This also includes US and UK operations in the region. Certain aircraft are highlighted and there are a reasonable number of photos. Additional chapters cover what industrial capacity the countries have, and also all air campaigns that have taken place in this century. The main weakness is in the maps of each country, which are small and hard-to-read and

look like they were taken from an almanac or textbook. The worse part is that the air bases listed in the tables are not shown at all, and that is a significant omission. If the maps were better the book would have gotten top marks. In view of the fact that a book like this will have to be updated periodically to maintain its relevance, let's hope that the next edition has bigger and more useful maps. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Source By Johnny R. Thornton Jr. Excellent information, this book isn't too outdated yet. Military purchases and/or the production of domestically built aircraft makes it hard to keep information update, but this can be augmented by using Internet references. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. interesting book about all middle east airforces By Rad63 The book is larger than I would have expected and covers the military history of the middle east air forces including the USAF and RAF. The current (as of the time of the writing of the book) equipment, air bases, deployment, aviation production capabilities, etc. are included as well as some speculation on the future. There were some photos of the aircraft of the various powers, but this is definitely not a photo book; if you would like photos, there are many other books that illustrate the various aircraft more fully. This book is for readers rather than browsers, particularly photo browsers.

The Middle East is potentially the world's major and most dangerous trouble spot. This book looks at why airpower is of such strategic and tactical importance in the area. It provides an overview of the state of the air forces in the first decade of the 21st Century. Each air force will be profiled, aerospace industries reviewed, major campaigns in the past decade are examined and the future airpower is discussed. The countries include Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Yemen and will also cover British and American operations. Each country is profiled with its air forces history, current status, order of battle, aircraft, ordnance and recent operations. Air campaigns of the 21st Century within the region are also described. The book includes many color and mono photographs, maps and diagrams.

if you want to learn about the Mid East Air War, then I think you will have a hard time finding a better publication (IPMS) About the Author Tim Ripley is a correspondent for Janes Defence Weekly and has covered widely during the recent Middle East wars. He is the author of more than 20 books, including Air War Iraq, Middle East Air Forces and 16 Air Assault Brigade published by Pen Sword.